

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	R. Christopher Carney et al.
Application No.:	10/718,122
Filed:	November 20, 2003
Entitled:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LASER DRILLING WORKPIECES
Docket No.:	102863-23 (ETH5081USNP)

Group Art Unit: 3742
Examiner: Maria Alexandra Elve

Commissioner for Patents
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

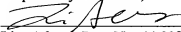
Dear Sir:

Applicant submits the following remarks in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed October 8, 2009.

The Examiner comments on the reasons for allowance by, *inter alia*, stating that "the prior art does not disclose a method and apparatus for laser drilling whereby the workpiece and spherical focusing lens are attached to a first vibrating frame and the laser is attached to a second vibrating frame and the first and second frames vibrate in unison." Independent claims 1 and 6 do not recite that the frames vibrate in unison. To the contrary, claims 1 and 6 require that the second frame is isolated from the first frame and does not vibrate. Instead, the workpiece vibrates substantially in unison with the first vibrating frame.

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Respectfully submitted,



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